

BENEFITS OF THE FAMILY SELF- SUFFICIENCY PROGRAM

- ❖ FSS offers ongoing support to make the transition to self-sufficiency possible.
- ❖ FSS addresses real barriers to employment and self-sufficiency.
- ❖ FSS participants are given a realistic timeline (5 years) in which to become self-sufficient.
- ❖ FSS participants receive essential education, job, economic, and survival information/skills.
- ❖ FSS participants may be eligible for Agency (sponsored) homeownership programs.

FAMILY SELF- SUFFICIENCY PRELIMINARY APPLICATION

Yes, I am currently on the Housing Choice Voucher Program or in Conventional Housing with the Sacramento Housing Authority. I am interested in learning more about the Family Self-Sufficiency Program.

Please invite me to an informational meeting as the first step toward gaining self-sufficiency.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY
NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

Are you currently on TANF? _____

Yes _____ No _____

Are you on a Welfare to Work Program? _____

Yes _____ No _____

Are you currently employed? _____

Yes _____ No _____

COMPLETE AND SEND TO:

Family Self-Sufficiency Program

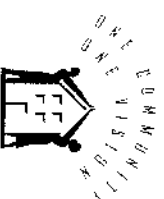
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Family Self-Sufficiency Program

**Housing Choice
Voucher Program
(Formerly Section 8 Housing)
and
Conventional
Housing Residents**



**Sacramento
Housing &
Redevelopment
Agency**

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What is Family Self-Sufficiency?

Family Self-sufficiency (FSS) is a goal oriented program created to assist families (who receive housing assistance from the Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency) to become self-sufficient within a period of five years or less.

How Does FSS Work?

The head of household signs a contract, agreeing to be an active participant of the Family Self-Sufficiency Program. Specific steps are outlined that, if followed through to completion, will enable the participant to become self-sufficient. The FSS staff will assist the program participants in locating organizations that provide resources needed in areas such as education, job training, and childcare.

Participants will be assisted in determining what goals need to be established. The FSS staff will provide referrals to needed resources, such as attending school, getting job training, or starting a business.

Participants will be required to establish a goal plan and follow it through to completion.

As participants begin working and earning higher wages, (resulting in rent portion increases) the Sacramento Housing & Redevelopment Agency (SHRA) will contribute a percentage of those monthly rental increases to an escrow savings account. This contribution to the escrow savings account is not an expense to the FSS participant.

What if I Do Not Complete My FSS Contract?

Failure to complete the FSS Contract means the participant will lose the opportunity to receive the money that was placed in their escrow account.

Do FSS Program Participants Lose Their Section 8, or Conventional Housing Assistance?

Housing assistance is not lost by terminating the FSS Program. The FSS Program is a voluntary program. However, some former FSS participants have reached their personal goal of home ownership and no longer need housing assistance. With good planning, other participants may be able to do the same.

Will the FSS Program Find Me a Job?

Employment search is the responsibility of the participant. Some FSS participants have found employment with SHRA, and other agencies. The FSS Staff can assist you by directing you to other agencies and resources that can help you find a job.

How Much Time is Involved?

The initial orientation visit takes about an hour. The FSS staff make day or evening appointments for both orientation and assessment test.

Participants are required to attend a ninety minute monthly meeting with other program participants, and an additional monthly workshop of their choosing that will help them achieve their goals. (Such as, parenting, budgeting, skill improvement, or education classes.)

Further involvement and communication with the FSS Program staff is generally by phone or written report.

When Do Participants Receive the "Escrow Account" Savings?

Participants receive the escrow savings after the contract is considered to be completed. Completed means family has fulfill obligations, is self-sufficient and free of government subsidies. At that time the family will receive the escrow account savings that has been set aside for them. Contact is also completed if 30 percent of the monthly adjusted income equals or exceeds the published Fair Market Rate for the family unit size under the Housing Authority subsidy standards.

Those who complete the program in less than five years will receive the escrow savings at the time of total self-sufficiency

Interested in Signing Up?

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Ask for an FSS Program Application Sacramento
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